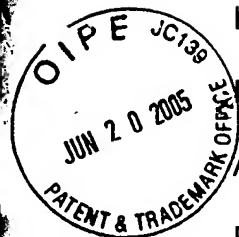


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Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated March 18, 2005, the period for response expiring on June 18, 2005 (Saturday), please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: